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# New Year's honours for Greenwich residents

by Pat Greenwood

**SIX Greenwich people were named in The Queen's New Year Honours List.**

The list included an MBE for the director of the Greenwich Islamic Centre, a CBE for the man who transformed rail services in London, and an OBE for an Oscar-winning film director.

- Jane Pugh from West Grove, Greenwich, who has lived in the borough for 28 years, received an MBE for services to higher education. She works as Governance Officer for the London School of Economics and Political Science and manages the 'buddying' scheme between lay governors and academic departments.

"My MBE came as a surprise and I'm thrilled by it," she told GT. "Lots of people from the LSE, from directors to porters and students, have e-mailed congratulations to me."

"The LSE is a very nice place to work– it gives opportunity. I started here as a cartographer in the geography department in 1979 and in 2002 transferred into central administration, where amongst things I deal with the Court, Council and presentation ceremonies." She added: "This enables me to work with a cross-section of people ranging from governors, academics, students and staff."

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THE blanket of snow that fell on us so unexpectedly in December was a timely preface to the season of peace and joy. It was a terrible inconvenience to many people, I'm sure, but the landscape here was magically transformed. A spell of white quietness was cast over Plumstead Common, and when the sky turned blue, and the children turned out to play, it made a magical picture that was a perfect reminder of our good fortune in living near such a valuable open space. The value can be reckoned in a multitude of ways. Just wandering freely in green open space gives one an unthreatening sense harmony with our world. That may sound a bit self righteous but there is a lot of good research data to back it up. For instance, urban open space has a measurably beneficial impact on the physical and mental health of a community. Green spaces act directly in reducing aggression and violence, and in effecting a reduction in other crimes. Green spaces are outdoor classrooms with unrealised potential, and as a

local lifelong learning resource our green spaces offer almost unlimited opportunities. There's a wonderfully complex European Union statement that sums it all up: "Open space...plays an important educational role, is ecologically significant and is important for social interaction and in fostering community development, and is supportive of economic objectives and activities. The enjoyment of open space contributes to the legitimate aspirations of urban inhabitants for an improvement in their quality of life, as well as to improve social cohesion, and feelings of security, and supports the protection of the rights of man in his built environment." Isn't that wonderful? Who writes this kind of stuff? Basically, what it means is that green open space makes us all feel better and do better. Can't argue with that. That's a good enough reason for us all to treasure and nurture our green spaces. And when they are wide and white, there's double the fun!

Nick Day

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## Upgrade for riverside cycle paths

CYCLISTS will find it easier to get along the riverside in parts of Charlton and Woolwich this year. It's all part of the Olympic Cycling and Walking Routes legacy scheme. Transport for London (TfL) is creating a two-way cycle path on Hardens

Manorway, to the north of Eastmoor Place. It will enable bicycles to travel both northbound and southbound between Woolwich Road and the Thames Barrier. In addition, Woolwich Ferry Approach is getting a two-way cycle-lane by the ferry office.

This will enable bicycles to go east-west between the Thames Path on the riverside immediately north of the Woolwich Ferry car park and Glass Yard.  
● **LAST** week, Greenwich Council announced it was spending a total of £3,066,000 from a special

new allocation of almost £4 million from Transport for London (TfL). The borough is choosing to spend its allocation on encouraging walking and cycling and smoothing traffic flow. Find out more by visiting: [www.greenwich.gov.uk/travel](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/travel)

Good day,  
sunshine!

First council tenants get free solar panels

by Dick Townsend-Smith

**A PILOT trial scheme is underway that will mean lower electricity bills for some council tenants.**

Solar panels are being installed on the roofs of suitable council houses that will provide free electricity during daylight hours - cutting bills by up to a third.

The pilot scheme is being run by Greenwich Council in partnership with Newcastle-based green services provider Eaga. Two houses have already been fitted with the panels at no cost to the residents or the council, with more planned.

The first to benefit are Greenwich couple James and Diane Grimmer, whose three-bedroom terraced house in Kirkham Street, Plumstead Common, was fitted with 12 panels on the rear part of the roof.

"Anything that is good for the environment and helps me save money has to be welcomed, especially with rising fuel prices," said Mr Grimmer, 75. "The installation itself took less than a day and was a really straight-forward process. The guys were great and left no mess."

Wife Diane, 74, added: "We use it to power the washing machine during the day - it's absolutely brilliant."

Letters were sent to 350



**SUNNY SMILE:** Greenwich Council tenant James Grimmer thinks about how much energy he will be able to save

residents in Greenwich and Plumstead offering them free solar power and asking for volunteers for the pilot scheme. Many have said they want to sign up for it.

Cllr Rajwant Sidhu, the council's cabinet member for Greener Greenwich, told GT: "Before we went ahead with this project we really wanted to know what the residents thought, and the enthusiastic response has been extraordinary."

"If the pilot is successful we would be looking to roll out the scheme to many more of our residents."

Electricity generated by the solar panels and not used by residents will be sold back to the national grid by Eaga, who will benefit from the sale. It means Eaga can supply and fit the panels to council houses at no cost either to the tenants or the council.



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## Honours for local heroes who serve the community

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Dr Tariq Abbasi, the director of the Greenwich Islamic Centre in Plumstead Road, was awarded an MBE for services to community cohesion in the boroughs of Greenwich and Bexley. He has been involved with the centre for almost 22 years as a trustee and has served as a director for the past five years. He also sits on the board of trustees for several other national and international charitable organisations that help less fortunate children educate themselves.

The father-of-three told GT: "I am humbled to have been included in the Queen's New Year Honours list. It is not just an honour for me but also an honour for the whole of our community."

●Professor Brian Collins from Eltham, was made a CB – a Companion of the Order of the Bath. He is Chief Scientific Adviser for the Department for Business Innovation and Skills (BIS) in London. His role is to ensure that BIS strategy and policy-making is based on high quality science and engineering research and advice. He told GT: "I was delighted to be honoured by Her Majesty in the New Year's Honours list. I have worked throughout my career with very talented and excellent people. This honour is as much a tribute to my teachers, tutors and co-workers as to me."

●Professor Susheila Nasta from Diamond Terrace, Greenwich, received an MBE for services to black and Asian literature. She founded Wasafiri: The Magazine of International Contemporary Writing in 1984. She was born in Britain in 1953, and is a critic and literary activist, editor and broadcaster. She has held full teaching posts and visiting fellowships at several academic

institutions both in the UK and abroad including the University of Cambridge, Mumbai, Delhi and the University of the West Indies.

She told GT: "I am delighted to receive public recognition for my role as an editor in bringing many writers from Britain's large black, Asian and other populations to wider public attention worldwide."

●Ian Brown from Greenwich, who retired recently as managing director Transport for London (TfL), was given a CBE for his contribution to public transport and the rail industry over the last 40 years. He was the driving force in setting up and taking forward Crossrail, expanding the DLR and transforming London Overground.

Transport for London Commissioner, Peter Hendy, said: "Ian's dedication to Crossrail, the DLR and London Overground and his work overseeing the building of the East London Line extension, which has delivered huge economic and social benefits to some of the poorest boroughs in London, inspire many."

"He has played an integral role in the development of TfL and displayed indefatigable commitment to improving the life and landscape of London. I send him my warmest congratulation on his award."

●Filmmaker and former actress Andrea Arnold from Greenwich received an OBE for services to the film industry. She made her feature length directorial debut in 2006 and won an Oscar as director of Fish Tank, following it with directing an adaptation of the Emily Bronte classic Wuthering Heights.



**RECOGNISED BY ROYALTY:**  
Ian Brown, below l-r  
Andrea Arnold, Dr Tariq  
Abbasi and Prof Brian  
Collins



**NICE TO MBE HERE: Prof  
Susheila Nasta**

## Tributes paid after local green campaigner dies

ONE of the borough's most distinguished green campaigners has died suddenly at his home. Chartered biologist and professional ecologist, Jeremy Cotton, who lived in Thamesmead, was BBC Radio's Brain of Britain in 1993 and Brain of Brains in 1995.

He was a member of Greenwich Wildlife Advisory Group (GWAG) since it started in 1975. He has been its Vice-Chair for several years. He was also a member of the Shooters Hill Woodlands Working Party of volunteers, who have regular work days tidying up and improving the area.

Cllr Mary Mills, the Chair of GWAG, said: "There is no-one to replace Jeremy's expertise." Laurie Baker, the Secretary of The Eltham Society, is also a fellow GWAG-member.

Laurie told GT: "Jeremy was pivotal for giving advice to this borough."

Terry Powley, who chairs the Greenwich Friends of Parks Forum, told GT: "News of Jeremy's sudden death has come as a real shock to the local community."

He added: "Jeremy impressed everybody by the depth of his knowledge of ecological matters in the borough and he had developed an extensive range of contacts to promote initiatives which protected the environment."

"He will be sorely missed."

Mr Cotton's funeral has been arranged for Thursday, January 20, at 11.45am at Eltham Crematorium, Falconwood. Family flowers only.

Well-wishers are invited to send tributes to the London Wildlife Trust charity where Jeremy served as a Trustee.

**ELTHAM COMMON**  
**Parish of Shooter's Hill**  
**London Borough of Greenwich**

London Borough of Greenwich has applied to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for consent under section 38 of the Commons Act 2006/section 23(2) of the National Trust Act 1971/article 12 of The Ministry of Housing and Local Government Provisional Order Confirmation (Greater London Parks and Open Spaces) Act 1967 to carry out restricted works on Eltham Common.

The proposed works are: Formation of new hard and soft play areas consisting of playground (245 sq m), multi-use games area (158 sq m), softgrass play area (660 sq m) and new planting (55 sq m and 48 sq m). All areas to be enclosed by fencing (2.1/2.7m high green mesh) and railings (1.5m high painted metal) with gates. A new footpath will be formed from Shooters Hill Road alongside the existing school to the school and new play areas.

A copy of the application form and map showing the proposed works can be inspected at Eltham Centre Library, Archery Road, Eltham, SE9 1HA between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm weekdays (not public holidays) until the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2011.

Any objections or representations should be sent in writing ON or BEFORE that date to the Planning Inspectorate at Room 4/105, Site Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN.

Letters sent to the Planning Inspectorate **cannot be treated as confidential**. They will be copied to the applicant and possibly to other interested parties.

 **Greenwich Council**





# Letters

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## Why can't we help ourselves?

COULD someone please tell me when we became a nation that expects our government and local councils to do everything for us? I am a widow of 79 and I'm lucky to have a great daughter and son to keep an eye on me. As a child and one of three, when the snow came down we were out as a family (wrapped up warm) clearing the snow from our paths and individual shopkeepers cleared their front too!



We never missed school as we walked playing snowballs on the way. We took whatever work was available. I was

always working in offices until I married and had children, I even worked at Charlton Dog Track two nights a week with my husband babysitting. I have cleaned in a hairdressers and worked in a shop and then was a driver for years, in fact anything to earn cash to help the family finances. I didn't expect not to work and certainly wouldn't expect to turn jobs down. We now have families bringing up families who

have no work ethic at all. I realise not everyone is like this and the job situation is dire but surely a lot of the people on dole or benefits if they are fit could have helped out in the recent cold weather. I'm really not a miserable old girl, I'm an upbeat person generally and very thankful for my lovely family and friends but cannot understand this attitude that "the world owes you a living"

**Mrs P Brownfield,**  
Woolwich

## Never mind the painting!

I AM puzzled as to why the council has gone to the expense of painting and renewing the cycle lane from Eltham High Street to Crown Woods Way and back. No cyclist would know a lane existed there now because all the lanes are full of parked vehicles. Usually the council use TfL (Transport for London) as an excuse, so perhaps they should explain to TfL that cycle lanes do not work well everywhere, if this is the case. Will the council continue to paint lines on Greenwich roads which cannot be used or will they use their limited resources to tackle the serious parking issues around Bexley Road? This road is now a restricted road with buses having problems passing the parked cars, particularly

where the cars are parked close to the traffic islands. The situation will be further exacerbated when the new Crown Woods college opens with fewer parking spaces than at present.

**N. Lawton, Eltham**

The council renewed the "Advisory" Cycle Lanes on Bexley Road for the long-term benefit of cyclists, to enable them to ride safer along the route. The majority of those vehicles parking on the advisory cycle lanes at present are associated with construction working on the re-development of Crown Woods School. The Council has been in contact with the contractor employing these workers, and we are working with them to find a solution to the nuisance of the parked vehicles.

Ed

## Our taxing time in the snow

THIS is a letter of enlightenment in how caring Greenwich Council is towards the elderly residents in this area.

The council Community Tax was due on the December 1, 2010.

Inclement weather was the order of the day and was so for several days to come. As we have to walk from Woolwich Arsenal Station to Riverside House, which is the nearest tax office, discretion advised that unless you had to go out into the snow and ice "don't".

As a pensioner in our eighties we decided to play safe. Also, a hospital appointment had to be cancelled on and a second appointment also put off.

Tuesday I ventured out again, still plenty of snow and ice around, and made my way to the tax office and duly paid the said tax and received a receipt for sum.

Now, two days later, we have received a letter from Greenwich Council reminding us that we have not paid and could be liable to court proceedings following this demand. What a waste of resources and money. Talk of cutting back, perhaps the council would do well to look at their system and the duties of the staff responsible for sending out these worrying letters.

The elderly of this borough have enough struggles to contend without such demanding letters sent

unnecessarily at tax payers' cost.

**Mr I. Reynolds, Charlton**

Sorry to hear about the difficulties you had in paying your council tax during the bad weather. Council tax payments are due by the first of every month. We adopt a rigorous collection process and this involves sending reminder letters to people who have fallen behind with their payments. We would encourage people to pay by direct debit as this reduces costs and the chance of missing the payment date. The council reminds residents when payments are overdue and as long as the amount gets paid within 7 days no further action gets taken. **Ed**

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## Well done CAFC players on visits

IT was lovely to see Charlton Athletic players giving up their time to visit children in hospital over the Christmas period. It must be hard for the children and their parents to have to spend a time like that away from home, so well done lads!

**C. Richmond, Eltham**

## Collection wasn't rubbish

THANKS to the bin men and women who came out over Christmas and New Year, it certainly wasn't a rubbish service!

**S Thompson, SE10**

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**DILON FELIX:** 'I took this one after coming out of the Greenwich Odeon - the hustle and bustle of Blackwall Tunnel with a bit of The O2 and Canary Wharf chucked in.'

## A heart warmer...

HAVING just read the letter from C. Gibson (GT letters, January 4), I felt I had to contact you.

It is certainly heart-warming to know that there are still some caring people around and I am glad that they were there for her daughter.

**L. J. Range**

YES indeed. For those readers who did not see the letter, it referred to a 14-year-old girl who was injured in a sledging incident in Greenwich Park and the people who helped her. **Ed0**

## Sack race

MID season lunacy linked to the Money God is with us once again with football managers, including Charlton's Phil Parkinson. Aren't the players also to blame?

**C. Knott, Lee**





**COMMON PEOPLE:** group members and volunteers look forward to an improved nature reserve

# It's second nature!

Reserve gets a £35,000 makeover

by Dick Townsend-Smith

**WORK** has begun on a four-month project to improve Plumstead Common nature reserve and make it more welcoming to visitors.

Steps made from recycled timber and aggregate are being fitted so people can walk down the steep ravine more easily. New perimeter fencing and a new path at the eastern end are also being installed.



The project will also see overgrown brambles removed and neglected boundary fencing replaced.

Native hedges and plants will be protected during site work and a further 150 metres of hedgerow will be planted behind the new fence to increase the biodiversity of the area.

Native hedgerows such as Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Dogwood, Hazel and Wild Privet will provide a habitat haven for local wildlife, encouraging more bugs and birds into the area.

Plumstead Common Environment Group (PCEG) is behind the project. It follows five years of consultation with nature reserve users, Greenwich Council, the police, school groups and dog walkers.

The group also consulted volunteers who regularly take

part in litter picking, planting and shrub clearance on the site. Volunteers said there was a need for signage boards to give people local knowledge and information about the much-loved reserve. These will be installed when work on the common is finished.

Harry Holmes, PCEG's project co-ordinator, told GT: "This is set to make a huge difference to the nature reserve. The new steps and handrail will provide access to the bottom of the steep ravine which is currently rather dangerous, especially for those who are less mobile."

"It will also encourage more people to come and enjoy the quiet walks the common has to offer, and increase the local community's appreciation for the natural environment."

"The additional hedgerows and trees planted on the common will encourage many native species back into the area. A recent ecological survey showed a surprisingly low number of native species on the common. However, with the work we are doing, the biodiversity is likely to improve dramatically."

The project will cost about £35,000, of which £25,000 has been given as a grant from the

Veolia Environmental Trust, which awards grants to community and environmental projects through The Landfill Communities Fund. The remainder has been raised by PCEG from charities that help fund community organisation projects.


Margaret Cobbold, the trust's executive director, said: "The trust works to support community and environmental projects across the UK such as the project at Plumstead Common. I look forward to seeing the improvement works completed and the reserve being enjoyed by the whole community."

Cllr Rajwant Sidhu, Greenwich Council's Cabinet Member for Greener Greenwich, told GT: "The partnership between the council and the Plumstead Common Environment Group is a really good example of how residents can make a difference to their local environment."

"The funding the group has secured with support from councillors will help to sustain this popular nature reserve for generations to come."

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Steve Pickett - Chief Planning Officer

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**Applicant: Blackheath Day Nursery Ltd 103079/F**

**BLACKHEATH DAY NURSERY, THE RECTORY FIELD, CHARLTON ROAD, CHARLTON, LONDON, SE7 7EY**

**Development:** Erection of a single storey out-building to be used as children's day nursery.

**Drawing Numbers:** 018, 02, 03, 04, See Location Plan and Design Access Statement.

**Library:** East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL

**Conservation Area:** RECTORY FIELD

**Applicant: Mrs S Denyer 103140/F**

**66 BRAND STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8SR**

**Development:** Extension of basement and formation of lightwell in front of property.

**Drawing Numbers:** 101 L01, 02, 101 L03, 04, Planning Statement and Site plan.

**Library:** West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN

**Conservation Area:** WEST GREENWICH

**Applicant: Mental Health Trust 103301/F**

**BOSTALL HOUSE, GOLDIE LEIGH HOSPITAL, LODGE HILL, ABBEY WOOD, LONDON, SE2 0AY**

**Development:** Demolition of existing modular building and erection of a new single storey modular building.

**Drawing Numbers:** 001 (Site Plan), Allocated No. 002 and Design and Access Statement.

**Library:** Plumstead Library, Plumstead High Street SE18 1JL

**Conservation Area:** GOLDIE LEIGH HOSPITAL

**Applicant: Mr J Miller 103331/F**

**46 CROOKS HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8HD**

**Development:** Construction of a single storey rear extension and various internal alterations.

**Drawing Numbers:** 10102, 001, 002, 003, 004, 006, 007, 101 Rev B, 102 Rev B, 103 Rev A, 104 Rev B, 201 Rev A, 202 Rev B, 203 Rev B, 301 Rev A, 500, Design & Access Statement and site plan.

**Library:** West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN

**Conservation Area:** WEST GREENWICH

**Applicant: Mr D Pees 103340/F**

**14 SHOOTERS HILL ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7BD**

**Development:** Construction of a single storey outbuilding in rear of garden.

**Drawing Numbers:** WA-1-110-1004 (Site Location Plan), WA-1-110-101-02, WA-1-110-102-04, WA-1-110-201-04, WA-1-110-202-04, WA-1-110-101-04 (Images) and Design and Access Statement.

**Library:** Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7ET

**Conservation Area:** BLACKHEATH

**Applicant: Meridian Delta Limited and Homes & Communities Agency 103422/O**

**LAND TO THE SOUTH OF PHOENIX AVENUE AND TO THE WEST OF OLYMPIAN WAY (KNOWN AS PLOTS 100207, 100404, 100405, 100106-100110 & 100118 OF THE GREENWICH PENINSULA MASTERPLAN) GREENWICH, SE10 0DX**

**Development:** The development of up to 157,300sqm of floorspace on plots 100404, 100405, 100207, 100106, 100107, 100108, 100109 and 100118 of the Greenwich Peninsula Masterplan consisting of up to 7,717 sqm of retail (Class A1-4S), up to 38,024 sqm of business (Class B1 and B1b) and up to 111,389 sqm (approx 1,505 dwellings) of residential (Class C3) and associated open space (including for amenity and entertainment purposes), landscaping, associated car parking, highways and transport works and ancillary works. (APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION)

**Drawing Numbers:** DEW 3C PA 01, 140, 142, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, DEW-003, 212-Rev, 004 (Design & Access Statement, Environmental Statement, Environmental Statement Volume 2, Environmental Statement Volume 3, Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary, Planning Statement, Statement of Community Involvement, Sustainability Statement, Technical Memo, Transport Statement and Cover letter dated 23/12/2010)

**Library:** East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL

**Conservation Area:**

**Publicity for Listed Building Consent**

**Applicant: Mr D Pees 103165/L**

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**Conservation Area:** BLACKHEATH

**Listed Building:** Grade 2

**Applicant: Mr J Miller 103332/L**

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**Library:** West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN

**Conservation Area:** WEST GREENWICH

**Listed Building:** Grade 2

**Publicity for Conservation Area Consent**

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# Barking up the right tree

Friends' orchard idea ripe for Pleasaunce fruition

by Pat Greenwood

**ENVIRONMENTAL** well-wishers gave an historic park a New Year present that will bear fruit in years to come.

Friends of East Greenwich Pleasaunce launched the Pleasaunce Memorial Orchard in the little park off Chevening Road.

The volunteers, helped with grants from the council's Greenwich Pride initiative, were able to plant six new trees - three apple, two pear and a plum - alongside the existing ornamental cherries and hollies, downhill from the cafe in the park.

The cafe manager, local dog-walkers, and several children joined in to help dig, plant and mulch.

The young trees and the guards round them were supplied by the London Orchard Project through the Capital Growth East London initiative and the 'Awards for All' scheme. Greenwich Council's parks and open spaces department added its support to the event.

Special guests included Greenwich and Woolwich MP Nick Raynsford and Greenwich councillors Mary Mills, Miranda Williams and Alex Grant.

Anne Robbins, of the Transition Westcombe environmental campaign group, said: "This new planting of young fruit



trees will add to the diverse beauty and ecology of the Pleasaunce while reflecting the park's use as an orchard before it became the dignified burial ground and green haven we know today."

She added: "It addresses many current issues as well, as it will help with the problems of climate change, while supplying

locally grown fruit and encouraging people to consider how to source food more sustainably."

The new trees will blossom next spring - and, all being well, they'll produce fruit in three or four years' time. The volunteers hope that that the whole community will get involved in the new project, and that school children will find a new focus in the orchard for their studies around healthy eating, biodiversity, food sourcing, and plant growth.

You can get more information about the friends' group by visiting: [www.fegp.typepad.com](http://www.fegp.typepad.com)

Pistachio's, the cafe in East Greenwich Pleasaunce, is open all winter for hot drinks and other refreshments.



## Borough BRIEFS

### Green gadget giveaway

**HOUSEHOLDERS** can save money on their energy and water bills in a great giveaway of green gadgets. Energy saving plugs and water widgets are being offered in a green gadget giveaway until March 11.

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The gadgets are on offer through Grass Roots, a company which supports the government's commitment to reducing energy consumption by distributing energy saving equipment.

Using the energy saving plug to shutdown multiple appliances can result in savings of up to £20 a year while can result in savings of £80 off the annual bill of an average sized three-bedroom house.

Greenwich residents can claim their free energy saving products by visiting the free green gadget website at:

[www.freegreengadgets.co.uk/home/council](http://www.freegreengadgets.co.uk/home/council) and entering the promotional code: COUNCIL.



## Volunteer Citizen Advocates Wanted

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[steve@advocacyingreenwich.org.uk](mailto:steve@advocacyingreenwich.org.uk)



# Sue's love affair with the borough

by Pat Greenwood

**GREEN** resident and sports enthusiast, Sue Gay, says it's the borough's earthy feel which has kept her here for almost 40 years.

"My first memory is of standing next to the Wolfe Memorial at the top of Greenwich Park. I was just 21. I had my small daughter with me and I was pregnant with my son," said Sue, from rural Wales, who has been involved in and around the community of Westcombe Park since the early 1970s.

"I'd come to see Blackheath, due to reading about the Wat Tyler revolt.

"I walked from the station over the heath and through the park gate. Then I found a wonderful avenue of trees and I saw the statue.

"Then, just like a curtain, your view opens - down to that bend of the river, to the top of the Cutty Sark, and the Christopher Wren pepper-pots, mirroring St Paul's Cathedral.

"I just thought, 'If I've got to live anywhere in London, then this is it.'"

Sue, retired now from a long career in publishing, is a Friend of Greenwich Park and of East Greenwich Pleasaunce. She's been a member of the

## Me & my borough

Westcombe Society for almost four decades.

She told GT: "Walk into wonderful East Greenwich Pleasaunce on a frosty morning and you could be walking in the country. There is often nobody else there.

"Greenwich Council has helped us to form the Friends group. We have achieved our second 'green pennant' national award, the cafe, which is a great addition, and the dog-free zone."

Sue is a lifelong horsewoman and tennis-player, and - along with her husband, a former prop-forward - is a keen member of Blackheath Rugby Club, as well as a great supporter of Greenwich Yacht Club.

"I've tried the outdoor gyms up on Shooters Hill and the one just off Rochester Way (which is surprisingly secluded and you can park right next to it) and I think they're a great idea."

Sue added: "As far as being a Friend of the parks, how on earth can you complain about anything if you don't become a part of what's going on?"

"I have a friend in Cheshire



GREENWICH FAN: long-term resident Sue Gay

and she says 'If only we had the support of our Council like you do down here in London, we would be a lot better off'."

Sue and her family are keen recyclers, and she told us: "I think Greenwich Council's scheme works superbly. They should blow their trumpet about it.

"I just wish in the New Year that supermarkets everywhere

less glass bottles, and more recyclable plastic."

Sue, now a grandmother-of-four, is a keen "Greenwich Card" holder, and enjoys the concessions.

"I regularly use the wonderful swimming baths at The Eltham Centre. I take the grandchildren to the gym at The Arches Leisure Centre near here, and

► **There'll never be anything like the scale of this cross-country again so it would be something they'll remember all their lives...**

manage to get into gear and change all their fruit-juice cartons for things like their plastic milk-containers. Then we could recycle them too.

"I'd also like to see we also get free things at The O2."

Like millions of other people, Sue and her family shouted excitedly at the TV when London was announced as the winning bidder for the 2012 Olympic Games.

"I just think it would be wonderful now if all the borough's children over five were given a ticket - even if just for one event.

"And wouldn't it be great if there was just one small area in Greenwich Park where our Greenwich children could take turns and just sit down - even for half-an-hour - and see a bit of the cross-country event?"

"There'll never be anything like the scale of this cross-country in urban London, and so it would be something they'll remember all their lives."

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# Green lightning!

## More power charge points for electric cars

by Hilary Bryan

**OWNERS** of electric cars will soon be able to charge up their vehicles at more than a dozen locations across the borough.

The charging points include ten which have recently been installed by Greenwich Council at roadside locations in Greenwich and Eltham.

On-street Elektrobays are up and running and soon to be available to owners at the following four locations:

- 4 Blissett Street, Greenwich, SE10 8UP
- Horseferry Place, Greenwich, SE10 9HG
- Messetter Place, Eltham SE9 5DP
- Northeast of East Parkside, John Harrison Way, Greenwich Peninsula, SE10 0BG.

Funding has come from Transport for London and a successful council bid for Government Infrastructure funding.

The council is helping to spearhead the expansion of charging points locally as part of its campaign to encourage motorists to plug into green car travel.

Earlier this year two off-street POD Points were launched at Cadogan West and Cadogan East, on the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, in partnership with developer Berkeley Homes, and the council is working with other developers to provide further charging points.

A further off-street POD Point, in the Marlborough car park, is available to residents of the Royal



**POWER TO THE PEOPLE:** on-street charging points make it easier for motorists, above, a close up view of a vehicle charge socket

Arsenal development, and there are a further two Elektrobays at the Sainsbury's store on Pear Tree Way, Greenwich.

Greenwich's car charge points will eventually form part of the London-wide Source scheme, which is set to be launched across the capital by London boroughs and Transport for London in the spring.

The scheme will enable its members to access all public charging points across the capital by paying a single annual fee of £100.

Cllr Rajwant Sidhu, Greenwich Council's Cabinet Member for Greener Greenwich, said: "Electric vehicles create typically 40% less carbon dioxide emissions than a petrol equivalent."

"They are an increasingly popular transport choice, and the development of a wider network of charging points helps make them even more attractive."

• For further details on Elektromotive points visit [www.elektromotive.com](http://www.elektromotive.com)



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and for information on Pod Points visit [www.pod-point.com](http://www.pod-point.com)



## End of the road for polluting black cabs

THE writing's on the wall for London's oldest, more polluting black cabs.

A new London air quality strategy just published demands that no black cab over 15 years old will be licensed by the Taxi and Private Hire Office from January next year. It's estimated that around 1,200 black cabs are likely to be more than 15 years old by then.

The strategy 'Clearing the Air,' set to be introduced on January 1 next year, is designed to help improve air quality in the capital before the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

It will require all new taxis entering the fleet to meet the strictest vehicles

standard from April 1, next year. Furthermore, all taxis will be required to take two full MOT tests each year from 2013 at the latest. The tests can be done at a local garage - rather than at the current inspection centres. Transport for London (TfL), working with City Hall, have also announced a £1 million fund to encourage taxi owners to upgrade to low emission vehicles - like electric black cabs. In addition, from January 2012, anyone wanting to come into the industry will be required to take a mandatory eco-driving course. The aim is to help cabbies to drive more efficiently and save money, as well as reducing emissions of pollutants and carbon dioxide.

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**BRIEFS****Pupils' 2012 venue visit**

THIRTY-SIX Greenwich pupils will be among the first to try out the only London 2012 venue open to the public ahead of the Games. They'll ride the rapids at the new Lee Valley White Water Centre which will host the canoe slalom competition. The youngsters will visit the Olympic Standard competition course as part of an education festival for London boroughs at the centre this summer. The water course is the first brand new London 2012 venue to be completed by the Olympic Delivery Authority and was officially unveiled by HRH The Princess Royal last month.

**RIVERPATH REOPENING UPDATE**

PARTS of the Thames pathway that were closed for development works have now reopened. The stretch of riverside walkway next to the Syral site, which was closed for demolition works of concrete silos at the Syral factory, is now accessible to the public. However, the path remains closed at Lovell's Wharf while housing development works continue. Walkers

and cyclists are asked to follow the signed diversion route. A width restriction is in place at Delta Wharf during repairs to the river wall but pedestrians can use the cycle way. Riverpath diversions and closures will continue until at least May. For walking, cycling and other travel updates visit [www.greenwich.gov.uk/travel](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/travel)

**Survivors support group**

MAYOR Barbara Barwick is hoping residents will back a new SE London support group for the new year. The Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture is one of her chosen charities during her mayoral year. The Mayor officially launched the South East London Supporters Group in November. The charity provides long-term therapeutic care for the victims of torture and the local supporters groups help to raise funds and increase public awareness of the unique needs of torture survivors. The Mayor said: "I'm very pleased to be able to support the work of the Medical Foundation as one of my chosen charities and proud that Greenwich is the home of its newest supporters group. I'm confident that the borough's residents will be keen to do everything they can to assist and find out how we in Greenwich can potentially help." • Get details on the South East London Supporters Group from Sabine Nierhoff on 020-7697 7749 or email [snierhoff@torturecare.org.uk](mailto:snierhoff@torturecare.org.uk)

**First milestone for children's hospice**

THE borough's newest hospice is going into its second year. Demelza in Wensley Close, Eltham, which has six bedrooms and a range of day-care, now looks after more than 100 life-limited children from families across seven London boroughs.

The staff at Demelza asked GT to thank its readers for all their support in 2010. You can keep up to date with all the news from Demelza in 2011 at [www.demelza.org.uk](http://www.demelza.org.uk) 1 Children from the Miracle Centre Assemblies of God (MCAG), a local religious charity in Eltham, have made a £300 cheque donation to Demelza children's hospice in Eltham. The children, aged from three to 11, organised a "Bring a Penny Day" in the church where they raised £102.15. The church then added some money to be presented to the charity. Pastor Eric Otoo said: "This is not about the value of the money but what the children have done today is a demonstration of love and care for humanity."



**SLICE OF THE ACTION:** world-famous ice skater Robin Cousins and actress Sally Lindsay, from television's *Coronation Street*, joined in the celebrations at the first birthday of the Demelza children's hospice.

**All class acts**

Child care workers get qualified with NVQs

by Pat Greenwood

**A MAGNIFICENT group of five volunteers and staff at a nursery school and Children's Centre have achieved their NVQ 2 qualification in Children's Care, Learning and Development.**

Pound Park in Charlton is one of the first places of its kind in the country to have put people through a scheme like this.

Nursery School headteacher Sheena Gilby and Children's Centre Co-ordinator Ann Marshall were able to build on their strong links with Greenwich Community College in Plumstead Road. The college regularly sends students on placement to Pound Park, and, for this course, support came from a government initiative called "Train to Gain".

Sheena Gilby told GT: "I am really proud of them and of the extra work and commitment they have put in to achieve this qualification."

Her colleague, Ann, added: "Some of these candidates had never completed any formal qualification like this before - so it was a challenge to give them the self-belief and self-confidence that they'd be able to achieve."

The NVQ2 qualification, which is a one-year course accredited by City and Guilds, involved spending time at Pound Park and time in college. They were required to cover seven modules around



**CERTAINLY NOT CHILD'S PLAY:** Some of the successful candidates, flanked by Pound Park Nursery Headteacher Sheena Gilby, left, and Ann Marshall, the Children's Centre Co-ordinator, far right, with Derek Thomas from Greenwich Community College

everything from child-development and managing children's behaviour to planning stimulating and educational activities.

Karen Hennings Stockman from Charlton, a former pupil of Blackheath Bluecoat School, is a nanny who also volunteers at the centre, and now works in the creche.

She told GT: "Because of this qualification, I've now managed to get myself registered with Ofsted."

Mum-of-three Bola Dickson-Sabestine, from Plumstead, saw some information about GLLaB, the Greenwich local labour and business scheme, at her son's primary school.

Bola, a former teacher in Nigeria, was assigned a GLLaB advisor and landed a job almost two years ago as a classroom assistant at Pound Park.

She's now started studying for her one-year NVQ 3 qualification and said: "I'm so happy. I'm on top of the world!"

Tina Carter, from Charlton, whose children are now aged 12 and 14, always helped out at their school, and then got a job as a classroom assistant at Pound Park.

She's now also started studying for her NVQ 3, and said: "My dream is to be a nursery teacher one day."

Juliet Nkyi, from Lee, has two grandchildren. "I had never worked with children before, although I have four of my own," she told us.

"I went to the Jobcentre and Pound Park came up on the computer, and I've been here for around five years now. I never thought I would get this far!"

Mum-of-two Angela Ross from Charlton, volunteers at Pound Park and works in the creche,

and also puts some time in with the Pre-School Learning Alliance.

Cllr Jackie Smith, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for children and young people, said: "Congratulations to all these students - and to Pound Park for encouraging them to reach their goal. The candidates have built on their love of volunteering and working around children to study for a professional qualification, and the whole scheme has been made possible through the centre's strong links with Greenwich Community College."

• **FIND out more about Pound Park Nursery and Children's Centre on 020-8855 1791. More employers are needed to offer work placements to college childcare courses. Call the college on 020-8488 4800.**



# 'Picture of Health' finds a canvas

LONDON health chiefs have backed plans to transform NHS services in SE London. The plans, known locally as 'A Picture of Health', are designed to provide better quality NHS care for more than a million people in Greenwich, Lewisham, Bexley and Bromley. They can now go ahead, following three years of reviews, discussions and consultation with doctors,

patients and local organisations. The plans include the expansion and upgrading of emergency and maternity services at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Woolwich, which will enable the hospital to improve the quality of care for patients with more serious and life-threatening injuries or illnesses. It includes increasing the number of

highly experienced doctors and nurses available around the clock. Under the proposals the A&E and maternity department at Queen Mary's in Sidcup will close permanently (it is currently closed temporarily as the Trust could not guarantee patient safety over the winter period) with medical, surgical and paediatric emergencies diverted to other local

hospitals. The Picture of Health plans were due to be implemented by summer 2010, but the new Secretary of State for Health, Andrew Lansley, required them to be tested against new criteria to ensure there was support from local GPs and improved patient involvement. The results of this review were presented to NHS London's Board, who agreed that all of the tests had been met.

# Stay at home flu advice

At risk groups urged to contact their GPs for jab

by Hilary Bryan

**NHS Greenwich is urging people to look after themselves at home if they think they have the flu.**

GPs in Greenwich are also being encouraged to put up notices in their surgeries reminding patients of the symptoms of flu, and asking them to help prevent flu spreading by staying at home.

For people who are otherwise fit and healthy, the best thing to do is to stay in the warm, drink plenty of fluids and take over-the-counter flu remedies. They should feel better in a few days without needing to see a GP.

People with flu should also avoid going to A&E unless they are seriously ill.

Prevention is always better than cure, and the best thing to do to protect against this winter's flu strains – including swine flu – is to have the seasonal flu vaccination.

Vaccination only takes a couple of minutes and is free to everyone in Greenwich who is in one of the high risk health groups. These include pregnant women; people 65-years-old and over; those in residential care; people who care for someone else, or people of all ages who have long-term health conditions such as a heart condition, breathing problems, diabetes or asthma.

David Sturgeon, Director of Primary Care and Community Transformation at NHS Greenwich, said: "Flu is a

highly contagious viral infection that can lead to serious illness in people who already have problems with their health. Anyone can catch the flu, but some people are more vulnerable than others. If you are in a high risk group and haven't had your vaccination yet, it's not too late. All you need to do is make an appointment at your GP, or go along to one of the 18 pharmacies in Greenwich which are also offering the vaccination."

Another way of preventing the spread of flu is to practice good respiratory and hand hygiene. NHS Greenwich has launched its



**GET VACCINATED:** residents can get the flu jab at their GP surgery or at one of 18 pharmacies around the borough



as figures from the Health Protection Agency show that cases of flu continue to rise nationally.

Cllr Peter Kotz, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for health and older people, said: "Figures from the Health Protection Agency suggest that cases of flu continue to rise so it's vital that everyone does what they can to help prevent the spread of the flu virus."

"In the first instance I would urge anyone in an at risk group who hasn't been vaccinated to contact their GP to book an appointment. As

well as costing nothing, having the jab only takes a few minutes, and it will protect the most vulnerable in Greenwich from catching the flu until next winter."

● **For more information about protecting yourself from flu, or a list of the 18 pharmacies offering seasonal flu vaccinations, visit [www.greenwich.nhs.uk](http://www.greenwich.nhs.uk) You can call NHS Direct on 0845 46 47 if you need more advice. The NHS Choices website, at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk), allows you to check your symptoms and also gives you information on treating and preventing flu.**

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### GREENWICH AND WOOLWICH

Nick Raynsford (Lab)  
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or write to Nick Raynsford MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA  
Call the office in advance on 020 7219 5895 to register for a surgery (lines are open Monday-Thursday 10am-12pm & 2-4pm).  
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2nd Saturday of the month, 11am at Charlton House, Charlton Road, Charlton SE7 8RE.  
2nd Saturday of the month, 2pm at West Greenwich House, 141 Greenwich High Road, Greenwich SE10 8JA.  
4th Saturday of the month, 11am at the Barnfield Project, Oak House, Barnfield Road SE18 3UH.  
4th Saturday of the month, 2pm at Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6PW.

### ELTHAM

Clive Efford (Lab) Call for an appointment at the following monthly surgeries on 020-8850 5744 between 11am and 3pm Mon-Fri.  
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1st Fri: Horn Park Community Centre, 96 Sibthorpe Road, 11am-12.30pm  
2nd Fri: Slade Hall, Pendrell Street, 6pm  
2nd Sat: St Mary's Community Centre, Eltham High Street, 10am and 4th Friday of the month at 6pm.  
3rd Tues: Middle Park Community Centre, 150 Middle Park Avenue, 11am-12.30pm  
3rd Fri: Coldharbour Neighbourhood office, library entrance, William Barefoot Drive, 11am.  
4th Sat: Shrewsbury House, 10am, Bushmoor Crescent

### ERITH & THAMESMEAD

Teresa Pearce (Lab)  
All surgeries are booked by appointment by calling 020 7219 7068 or write to Teresa Pearce MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, or email [teresa.pearce.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:teresa.pearce.mp@parliament.uk)  
Four advice surgeries each month: the 1st Saturday of the month in Thamesmead, the 2nd Saturday of the month in Erith, the 3rd Friday of the month in Northumberland Heath and the 4th Friday of the month in Abbey Wood.

### GLA MEMBER

Len Duvall (Lab) is the GLA member for Greenwich and Lewisham. Please write to Len Duvall, GLA, City Hall, Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA; phone 020-7983 4408/4517; or email [len.duvall@london.gov.uk](mailto:len.duvall@london.gov.uk)

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Contact your MEP at the UK Office of the European Parliament on 020-7227 4300.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).

Jan 19 - Woolwich & Thamesmead Area Planning Committee 6.30 pm  
Jan 25 - Cabinet, 7pm. Charlton & Canning Local Housing Panel, 7pm, Holburne Hall, Holburne Road, SE3 8JB.  
**More information on 020-8921 5130 or [www.greenwich.gov.uk/meetings](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/meetings)**



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# Changes to help with your housing costs

HOMEOWNERS receiving certain benefits may get help towards their mortgage interest payments and interest on loans taken out for repairs or improvements. You may get this help if you are receiving Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance or Pension Credit Guarantee.  
In January 2009, a two-year limit on claiming help with housing costs was introduced for homeowners on Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA). Previously, this help was payable indefinitely. The new rules affect some people who have been getting JSA continuously since January 5 2009 – they will no longer get help towards their housing costs and their housing payments will stop.

Jobcentre Plus is writing to all people affected by the changes to advise that their payments will end. People who were claiming Income Support or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) immediately before claiming JSA are not affected by the limit – their payments should continue without interruption. If your housing cost payments have stopped, it is important to get advice about your situation. You should always:  
• discuss the situation with your lender  
• get specialist money advice at an early stage. For example, Greenwich Money Advice Service (020 8317 3342) and Meridian Money Advice Service (020 8293 3432) provide free, independent

advice about money matters. Greenwich Council's Housing Aid Centre (020 8921 2618) also advises homeowners in mortgage difficulty. There are also national advice services which may be able to help, including:  
• Money Made Clear 0300 500 5000 or visit [www.moneymadeclear.org.uk](http://www.moneymadeclear.org.uk)  
• National Debtline 0808 808 4000 or visit [www.nationaldebtline.co.uk](http://www.nationaldebtline.co.uk)  
• check if you may be entitled to other benefits – such as Income Support, ESA or Pension Credit. Remember the restrictions on housing costs only apply to JSA claims. Greenwich residents can call Greenwich Welfare Rights Service for a benefits check on 020 8921 6375 (or 18001 020 8921 6375 for textphone users).

# Breakfast and evening dates for business

BUSINESS owners can learn strategies for improving their profits at a special enterprise event later this month. Hosted by the University of Greenwich, South East Enterprise and the South East London Chamber of Commerce, the evening workshop takes place on Tuesday, January 25 from 5.30-8.30pm at the university's Queen Anne building. Greenwich-based Priorclave Ltd will explain how they profited with the university's support while business support agency, South East Enterprise will provide expert and

impartial advice.  
• For further details and to book places email [enterprise@gre.ac.uk](mailto:enterprise@gre.ac.uk)  
• Details of Compete For, the website that enables businesses to compete for contracts linked to the London 2012 Games, will be outlined at the next networking breakfast of the South East London Chamber of Commerce. The event takes place from 7.30am to 9am on January 25 at Blackheath Sports Club, The Rectory Field, Charlton Road. For further details and bookings call 0208 317 3365 or email: [office@selondonchamber.org](mailto:office@selondonchamber.org)



CAPITAL Growth is an initiative helping Londoners to transform their own backyards this year. With its backing, more than 700 new spaces have been set up so far. Nightingale Vale Primary School, Barnfield Estate and Vicarage Community Garden, Vicarage

# The seeds of

Community schemes are turning disused land



**GROWING TOGETHER:** young gardeners enjoy the fruits of their labour on the Nightingale Vale estate



## Nightingale Vale of cheers

**T**HE Welcare Urban Garden, Nightingale Vale, Woolwich, was launched only 18 months ago.

The project has won the 'Collect and Create' category in a London competition to encourage housing associations and local councils to provide small spaces for tenants to nurture into thriving food gardens.

New growers of all ages - supported by the family support charity 'Welcare in Greenwich' which has a centre on the 500-home estate - have used discarded materials like old furniture, laminate flooring and donated scaffolding planks to build five large raised beds and over half-a-dozen smaller plots.

Manager Seval Tahsin and her team organise family gardening clubs every school holiday - and Nightingale Vale residents are welcome to help themselves to the fruit and veg that everyone grows.

Seval told GT: "Instances of anti-social behavior have significantly dropped since this

project started. And, although we entered this competition at the 11th hour, we are all absolutely delighted to have won a first prize."

They received their certificate at a special conference in Islington last month. Their prizes are a £250 gift card from the B&Q superstore, a 10-piece tool set, and a 'worm cafe' fertiliser unit, as well as three training spaces in Regent's Park from London's 'Capital Growth' team.

The cash to create the vegetable garden on the estate was raised by Welcare's local advisory support group, chaired by Eileen Wiltcher. A total of almost £1,140 came in from a single songs-from-the-shows concert which they hosted in a neighbouring borough.

In addition, the Welcare Centre has strong links with Apollo, the Greenwich Council contractors carrying out Decent Homes improvement work on the estate. "They donated us spare scaffolding planks for our raised beds," said Seval.

Now the Nightingale gardeners have landed

Big Lottery money to produce a photo-calendar of all their efforts throughout this year.

Seval told us: "The London-wide competition has given a real boost to this estate - and the food we manage to grow helps to supplement residents' income, particularly at this time of austerity."

"People have been helping themselves to salad stuff and residents share their cuttings with us. For instance, people from our Vietnamese community have given us some pakchoi seeds to grow."

"During half-term, we cleared some of the spaces to make way for different kinds of cabbages, onions, and other winter vegetables." She added: "One of the best things that's happened so far is being able to introduce many of the children here to all the fresh veg that is available."

Incidentally, someone living near Fennell Street on the estate has managed to grow some fennel!

## Barnfield

**FAMILIES** on an estate off Plumstead Common Road are working to transform a plot of unused land into a food-growing project. Friends of Barnfield Community Group are working with a project called 'Avant-Gardening'. The green-fingered residents, who are

## Allot going

**SOUTH RISE Primary School** in Brewery Road is creating a community allotment to encourage children to grow their own food and to teach them the skills involved in growing produce. The project is aiming,



city by creating 2,012 new food growing spaces by the end of Olympics  
r, and among the latest in Greenwich are projects at South Rise  
Vicarage Road. PAT GREENWOOD put on her wellies to investigate...

# of change



into a growers' paradise across the borough



## Vicarage team so keen to be green

ONE of the newest projects of its kind in the borough is the Vicarage Community Garden in Vicarage Road, a few hundred yards from Plumstead Common Road. Some land at the end of the houses has been disused and has attracted fly-tipping in the past, but the owner and Greenwich Council are keen to provide support to local residents to take control of the space to grow and sell food.

Capital Growth has provided a small start-up grant and some seeds. They've also given the residents some leads on where they could buy reasonably-priced building materials for things like raised beds. In addition, Capital Growth and the borough-based Grow Greenwich networking support initiative is offering some training to the enthusiasts.

●FIND out more via vicarageresidentsassociation@gmail.coms

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DOWN TO EARTH:  
Vicarage Road  
community  
gardeners of all ages  
get to work

## 's Avant-Gardeners

supported by Greenwich Council, are working on a former fenced area on the estate that has not been used for many years. The aim of the project is to bring the whole community together. A few enthusiasts have started by building and planting raised beds and inviting nearby community

groups to come to workshops to find out how they can get involved. The gardening group meets regularly to tend the garden, and the space itself will be open to all the estate for events like picnics and workshops.

●FIND out more at [www.avantgardening.org](http://www.avantgardening.org)

## g for South Rise pupils

wherever possible, to involve parents and carers too. The school hopes that the new allotment will encourage healthy eating amongst pupils because the fruit and veg grown there will be used

for school meals. Also, if there is any surplus, they want to sell it to pupils' families at low cost.

●FIND out more by visiting: [southerisegrow.org.uk](http://southerisegrow.org.uk)



# GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 218

## How the lettings policy works

**Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Council's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed.**

Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to:  
**For properties advertised for band A and band B** - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time.  
**For properties advertised for band C applicants** - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

### Band

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the council must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

## How do I apply?

### 1 Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, get an application form by phoning the Access and Allocations Section on 020 8921 2941. Or pick up a form from any neighbourhood office.

### 2 Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Council about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

### 3 Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

**[www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes)**

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free in either your neighbourhood housing office, library or UK Online centre.

### 4 Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Council's website

**[www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes)**

## 24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes (Choice Based Lettings) Telephone Bidding Line is available in:  
 English 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes (locations « au choix ») Ligne téléphonique de demande disponible en français en composant le :  
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**The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on Wednesday 12 January 2011 at midday and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on Sunday 9 January 2011**

**[www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes)**



**Choice hotline 020 8921 4340**

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applicants can  
apply



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Rad C/H  
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**£90.83pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 116440  
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3 Bed 1st Floor Flat Gdn  
Unlifted Gas Fire & Rad  
C/H  
**£90.03pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 120955  
**Gregory House  
Brook Lane SE3**  
2 Bed Grnd Floor Mais  
Rad C/H  
**£88.69pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 121142  
**Colman House  
Welland Street  
SE10**  
1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Rad C/H  
**£86.77pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 121496  
**Rectory Place SE18**  
2 Bed 2nd Floor Mais  
Entry phn Rad C/H  
Unlifted  
**£81.48pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 121786  
**Gilbourne Road  
SE18**  
2 Bed 3rd Floor Flat  
Lifted Entry phone  
Rad C/H  
**£84.04pw** Bands A&B



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Storage Heaters  
**£97.15pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 122879  
**Dornberg Close SE3**  
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat  
Lifted Entry phone  
Rad C/H  
**£81.81pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 122904  
**Woodville Rochester  
Way SE3**  
3 Bed Grnd Floor Mais  
Entry phn  
Rad C/H  
**£92.12pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 123036  
**Coldbath Street  
SE13**  
3 Bed 2nd Floor Flat  
Unlifted Entry phone  
Rad C/H  
**£92.38pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 121217  
**Woodlands Pk Rd  
Greenwich SE10**  
4 Bed House Gdn  
Rad C/H Pref to Employ  
**£139.97pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 121218  
**Woodlands Pk Rd  
Greenwich SE10**  
4 Bed House Gdn  
Rad C/H  
**£139.97pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 121240  
**Woodlands Pk Rd  
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4 Bed Hse Gdn Rad C/H  
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**£139.97pw** Bands A&B



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Rad C/H  
Pref to employ  
**£139.97pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 121256  
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Greenwich SE10**  
5 Bed House Gdn  
Rad C/H Pref to Employ  
**£146.65pw** Bands A&B

## Woodland Park Properties

Please note these  
properties are being  
re-advertised from  
last week.

Please accept our  
apologies for any  
inconvenience  
caused.

## Bands A&B priority applicants

Fewer Bands A&B priority  
applicants have been bidding  
for advertised properties in  
recent weeks.

**Please note that if you  
do not bid on a regular  
basis you risk losing your  
priority status.**

Please contact the office if you  
need help in bidding.



Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

## GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Anyone on the housing list can apply for these

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 53870

**Wood Retreat SE18**1 Bed Grnd Floor Flat  
Electric Radiators**£78.04pw** Band C

Gallions HA

Ref Number: 83436

**Harold Wilson Hse****Arnott Close SE28**1 Bed 4th Floor Flat  
Lifted Entry phone  
Rad C/H**£87.14pw** Band C

Ref Number: 123020

**Mabbett House****Nightingale PI SE18**2 Bed 1st Floor Flat  
Lifted Entry phone  
Comm G/H Min 1 child**£91.10 pw** Band C

Gallions HA

Ref Number: 123692

**Linnet Close SE28**1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat  
Entry phone Rad C/H  
Over 40's Unlifted**£83.87pw** Band C

Ref Number: 121216

**Woodlands Pk Rd**  
**Greenwich SE10**4 Bed House Gdn  
Min 4 child 1 under 16  
Rad C/H Pref to Employ**£139.97pw** Band C**Woodland Park Properties**

Please note these properties are being re-advertised from last week.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

**Mutual Exchange – Swapping your home**

Council and Housing Association Tenants can exchange their property with another tenant. From April 2006 applicants who have registered for a mutual exchange will be able to find suitable swaps through the Greenwich Homes website [www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes). For more information about this scheme contact the Allocations Team on

**020 8921 2941**

**For information or assistance** contact our Allocations Team on:

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(minicom): 020 8921 2996

Email: **housing-allocations**

**@greenwich.gov.uk**

Fax: 020 8854 7212

**Sheltered Housing**

If you are 55 or over then you may consider sheltered housing provided by the Council or housing association. Sheltered blocks have a Scheme Manager on hand to provide help and support if needed. Sheltered housing is a good option for older people who can live independently, but would feel more secure within this environment.

**Important Notice**

Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**



Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

# GreenwichHomes

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## Sheltered / Retirement Housing

Sheltered Housing provides independence in a secure and friendly environment. Each Sheltered Scheme has a Scheme Manager who is the main source of support. There is 24 hour cover from the Telecare Service. The age criteria is over 60 years, but we can consider people over 55 years with a support need. If you are interested in Sheltered housing please ring **0208 921 2941. All applications are subject to a Sheltered Housing Assessment.**



**Our current vacancies include;**  
(several of which are ready for immediate letting)

### One Person Properties

**Ann Stroud Court**, Lee Green, SE12, 1 bed ,1 person,  
Ground floor flat.

**Langton Way**, Blackheath, SE3, 2ND floor, Studio flat.

**Littleheath**, Charlton, SE7, 1ST floor, Studio Flat.

**Mandela House**, Plumstead Common, SE18,  
1ST floor Studio flat.

**Sam Manners House**, Greenwich, SE10,  
2ND Floor Studio Flat.

### Two Person Properties

**No Vacancies**

**All the above properties are lifted.**

### This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 215

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
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Chadwick Court Titmuss Avenue SE28 8BQ	1	FLAT	127	28/10/2008	C
Granite Street SE18 1LS	0	FLAT	115	15/12/2008	C
Delany House Thames Street SE10 9DQ	1	FLAT	67	23/08/1999	A
St Domingo House Leda Road SE18 5QP	1	FLAT	202	21/03/2007	C
Combwell Crescent SE2 9NB	2	FLAT	33	03/06/2009	B
Arthur Grove SE18 7EP	3	MAISONETTE	61	30/06/2009	B
Keeble Close Wrotesley Road SE18 3UA	0	BUNGALOW	53	08/04/2009	C
Gilbert House Mcmillan Street SE8 3DL	2	FLAT	35	24/09/2009	B
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**Greenwich Council**  
**Proposed Enlargement and Increase in the Planned Admission Number**  
**of Boxgrove Primary School - A Maintained Community School**

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, that Greenwich Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Boxgrove Primary School, Boxgrove Road, Abbey Wood, London SE2 9JP - a Maintained Community School - with effect from 01 September 2011.

It is proposed to expand the school by enlargement of the premises and increase the planned admission number for each year group from 45 places currently, to 60 places with effect from the 2011/12 school year intake. The admission number will increase to 60 for Reception and Year 1 in 2011/12, for Year 2 in 2012/13, and so on until 2017/18 when the admission number for all year groups from Reception will be 60. The proposal if agreed will be implemented by the Council.

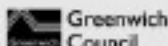
The admission capacity of the school for children aged 4-11 is currently 315 places and the proposed capacity will be 428 places. There are 325 pupils aged 4-11 currently registered at the school.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal and is published following consultations with interested parties in the areas served by the school in October and November 2010. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: The Headteacher, Boxgrove Primary School, Boxgrove Road, Abbey Wood, London SE2 9JP or from the Strategic Projects Division, Greenwich Children's Services, 8th Floor Riverside House, Woolwich High Street, Woolwich SE18 6 DF or by email to [social.mistry@greenwich.gov.uk](mailto:social.mistry@greenwich.gov.uk) or by telephone on 0208 921 4707.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by letter or email to:

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8th Floor Riverside House West,  
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Tel: 0208 921 4780.

Gillian Palmer  
Director of Children's Services  
Tuesday 11 January 2011



**Explanatory Notes**

1. Within two months after the end of the representation period, Greenwich Council will consider all the representations made within the representation period and the Governors' comment on them and determine the proposal.
2. The governors of the school agreed to a temporary increase from 45 to 60 to the planned admission number for the September 2010 Reception Class intake and this proposal is seeking to make the changes permanent. The enlargement to the school premises is being achieved by the construction of a new block to the school to provide the additional accommodation required.

**Greenwich Council**  
**Proposed Enlargement and Increase in the Planned Admission Number**  
**of Foxfield Primary School - A Maintained Community School**

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, that Greenwich Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Foxfield Primary School, Sandbach Place, Woolwich London SE18 7ER - a Maintained Community School - with effect from 01 September 2011.

It is proposed to expand the school by enlargement of the premises and increase the planned admission number for each year group from 60 places currently, to 90 places with effect from the 2011/12 school year intake. The admission number will increase to 90 for Reception and Year 1 in 2011/12, for Year 2 in 2012/13, and so on until 2017/18 when the admission number for all year groups will be 90. The proposal if agreed will be implemented by the Council.

The admission capacity of the school for children aged 4-11 is currently 428 places and the proposed capacity will be 638 places. Within the total capacity of 638 places, provision will be reserved for up to 10 pupils with Statement of Special Educational Needs on the Autism Spectrum, who will be taught mainly within the mainstream school provision but will also be supported within additional dedicated space to be provided as part of a new school building.

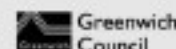
There are 431 pupils aged 4-11 currently registered at the school.

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Within six weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by letter or email to:

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**Explanatory Notes**

1. Within two months after the end of the representation period, Greenwich Council will consider all the representations made within the representation period and the Governors' comment on them and determine the proposal.
2. The governors of the school agreed to a temporary increase from 60 to 90 to the planned admission number for the September 2010 Reception Class intake and this proposal is seeking to make the changes permanent. The enlargement to the school premises will be achieved by the installation of high quality modular buildings pending future decisions about the timescale for rebuilding the school when funding becomes available.

**Greenwich Council**  
**Proposed Enlargement and Increase in the Planned Admission Number**  
**of Hawkesmoor Primary School - A Foundation School**

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Greenwich Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Hawkesmoor Primary School, Bertham Road, Thamesmead, London SE28 8AS - a Foundation School - with effect from 01 September 2011.

It is proposed to expand the school by enlargement of the premises and increase the planned admission number for each year group from 60 places currently, to 90 places with effect from the 2011/12 school year intake. The admission number will increase to 90 for Reception and Year 1 in 2011/12, for Year 2 in 2012/13, and so on until 2017/18 when the admission number for all year groups from Reception Class will be 90. The proposal if agreed will be implemented by the Council.

The admission capacity of the school for children aged 4-11 is currently 428 places and the proposed capacity will be 638 places. There are 448 pupils aged 4-11 currently registered at the school.

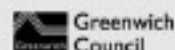
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Tuesday 11 January 2011



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2. The governors of the school agreed to a temporary increase from 60 to 90 to the planned admission number for the September 2010 Reception Class intake and this proposal is seeking to make the changes permanent. The enlargement to the school premises will be achieved by the installation of high quality modular buildings pending future decisions about the timescale for rebuilding the school when funding becomes available.

**Greenwich Council**  
**Proposed Enlargement and Increase in the Planned Admission Number**  
**of Heronsgate Primary School - A Community School**

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, that Greenwich Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Heronsgate Primary School, Winchat Road, Thamesmead, London SE28 8DW - a Community School - with effect from 01 September 2011.

It is proposed to expand the school by enlargement of the premises and increase the planned admission number for each year group from 60 places currently, to 90 places with effect from the 2011/12 school year intake. The admission number will increase to 90 for Reception and Year 1 in 2011/12, for Year 2 in 2012/13, and so on until 2017/18 when the admission number for all year groups will be 90. The proposal if agreed will be implemented by the Council.

The admission capacity of the school for children aged 4-11 is currently 428 places and the proposed capacity will be 638 places. There are 518 pupils aged 4-11 currently registered at the school.

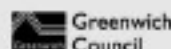
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Tuesday 11 January 2011



**Explanatory Notes**

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2. The governors of the school agreed to a temporary increase from 60 to 90 to the planned admission number for the September 2010 Reception Class intake and this proposal is seeking to make the changes permanent. The enlargement to the school premises will be achieved by the removal of other Children's Services provision within the school building and remodeling of the space to form the additional accommodation required.



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**of fun up a**  
**mountain**

- P25



# Hitting the right notes

A 'Young person's orchestra for the 21st Century' kicks off in Greenwich in March, with gig at Southbank Centre to follow

**THERE'S** sure to be plenty of good conduct when young musicians in Greenwich get

to play in a new orchestra later this year. It's called the Animate Orchestra and it's aimed at inspiring young musicians and encouraging youngsters to continue playing music after they leave primary school. Members of the ensemble will be invited to take part through workshops in Greenwich schools. It's hoped it will be a pathway for talented young people in the London Boroughs of Greenwich and Lewisham and is being billed as 'a young person's orchestra for the 21st Century'.

The orchestra is set for launch in March, when amateur Jason Rowland, musicians from the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Greenwich and Lewisham Music Service tutors and Trinity Laban students will visit two Greenwich Secondary Schools to hold workshop performances. Around 600 children from Greenwich primary and secondary schools will be involved in the workshops and taster sessions which will be made up of contemporary takes on traditional orchestral music, which the children will be encouraged to get stuck in to.

It's an ongoing project and keen pupils can take part in intensive holiday courses over the next two years – the first this Easter, with 40 places for instrumentalists, DJs, and Music Technologists. Andrea Spain, Head of Professional Skills at Trinity Laban said: "Performing in an orchestra can be one of the most exciting aspects of being a musician. By bringing together a professional orchestra, the musicians of Trinity Laban, the expertise of music services and the



creativity of young people, we look forward to capturing the power and impact of orchestral musicianship, in an ensemble that represents the ideas and culture of a new generation."

The project came about through a partnership between Trinity Laban and Greenwich and Lewisham Music Services, the London Philharmonic Orchestra (LPO), the Southbank Centre and The O2. It is hoped the project will encourage Years 6-8 in Greenwich and Lewisham schools to progress further in creative music making, and to continue music tuition during the transition to secondary school, when many can drop out of instrumental learning. During the holiday courses, children get the chance to create their own music which may lead to performances in 2012 as part of Cultural Olympiad programming. The Animate Orchestra won funding last year to go ahead with the project from Mayor's Music Education fund. Young musicians involved in



**STRIKING A CHORD:** young musicians in perfect harmony as they rehearse for concert

the orchestra will get to make music alongside members of the LPO, staff and students from Trinity Laban, as well as to perform and attend performances by other artists at the Southbank Centre and The O2. At the Animate Orchestra launch in the spring, a series of interactive performances take place at secondary schools across the two boroughs, reaching over 1200 children between the ages of 10 and 14. Councillor Jackie Smith, Greenwich Cabinet Member

for Children and Young People said: "Greenwich has a proud record of nurturing the musical talents of our young people. The Animate Orchestra provides an excellent way to further develop our existing partnerships so that more local children can experience the pride and achievement of creating and performing live music."

For more information on The Animate Orchestra, email Helen Hendry at: h.hendry@trinitylaban.ac.uk

## St. Alfege's musos

## Recite is right...

**ST. ALFEGE'S Church** has many recitals and musical performances coming up in the weeks ahead.

On Saturday January 15 there is a piano and viola recital by Reverie playing the music by Schubert, Glinka, Milhaud, Schumann. Starts at 1.10pm, entrance is free. Sunday 16 January sees the church on Greenwich High Road play host to a concert performed by the Kantanti Ensemble, playing a Mozart clarinet concerto and Lotti requiem. It's directed by Lee Reynolds, tickets are £10/£13 and kick off is at 4pm.

## Gala performance

VOCAL trio Aspects of Opera will be performing at Charlton House, Hornfair Road, SE7 8RE, on Saturday January 22, as part of a Gala Concert in aid of the Mayor of Greenwich Charity Appeal 2010/2011. The concert starts at 8pm, with drinks on arrival at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 and can be purchased from the Mayor's Office by calling 020 8921 5023. There will also be limited availability on the door.

## New year picks

## Trending 2011

**I'VE** always had this bubbly, over-the-top enthusiasm for certain things that really irritates people.

I also digress like mad, or lose a thought at the START of a sentence, that also drives everyone crazy. I haven't got many friends as a result but I still bombard them – both of them – with recommendations which, incidentally, I also love to receive. I think it's the way forward, certainly in discovering the greats in various fields.

Scene asked me to lay a few on you, before (I noticed) quickly leaving the room.

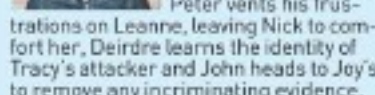
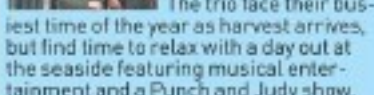
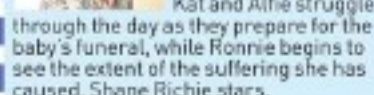
Right, where to start? The other Thursday I was wandering down Powis Street...(No digressions please!)... Okay, the obvious ones are 'The Catcher...' (book!), Double Indemnity (film) and Highway 61 Revisited (CD), but I'd like to lob something your way that may come as a surprise (which is always a good recommendation in itself).

It's a double DVD that my life partner and I watched courtesy of Amazon (£5.27, buy with one click) over Christmas – The Jolson Story (with Jolson Sings Again). Larry Parkes plays Jolson brilliantly and Jolson's voice hits you right here. We spent half the time sobbing. Great film about one of the greats. Let me know yours!

**Peter Cordwell**  
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## Highlights of the week



Friday, 14th January

## Five

4.68 <i>Wildebeest</i>	7.89 <i>See from Space Five</i>
4.13 <i>The Young Stall</i>	7.87 <i>Five Men at 7</i>
11.80 <i>The Venus and Shiva</i>	7.80 <i>7 Days</i>
11.45 <i>CSI: Crime Scene Investigation</i>	7.80 <i>Jack the Ripper - The Da Vinci Story</i>
12.40 <i>Five Men</i>	9.88 <i>CSI: Crime Scene Investigation</i>
12.45 <i>Emergency Elixirs</i>	10.86 <i>CSI: Makers</i>
14.45 <i>Real Heroes</i>	10.95 <i>CSI: Crime Scene Investigation</i>
3.39 <i>CSI: Crime Scene Investigation</i>	11.88 <i>True CSI</i>
3.58 <i>in F.I.H.I. (The Hit) (Seri)</i>	12.85 <i>SuperCopies</i>
(2004) Romantic comedy, starring Denise Richards and Dean Cain	13.80 <i>How Not to Decorate</i>
8.08 <i>Five Men at 7</i>	14.45 <i>Honeybees</i>
8.38 <i>Real Heroes</i>	15.12 <i>Midnight S25</i>
8.58 <i>Monkey Life</i>	15.38 <i>House Doctor</i>

4:08 Hillsborough	6:25 Live from South to Free
4:15 The Night Shift	7:00 Live News at 7
4:30 The Morning Show	7:30 How We They Do It
11:45 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	8:00 Double or Don't: The Loose Evidence
11:45 Five News	8:00 N.E.S.
11:45 Emergency Eikers	10:30 Law & Order: Criminal Intent
1:44 The 40 Years	10:35 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit
1:50 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	11:00 Police
3:10 <b>PM</b> <b>PM</b> Murder-101	11:30 SuperSkins
12:00 Murder mystery, starring Dick Van Dyke	12:00 How Not to Decorate
5:00 Five News at 5	5:45 How to Sucker
5:30 The Morning Show	5:10 How to Sucker
5:45 Night on Earth	5:35 House Doctor

6.39 <i>Milk and Honey</i>	9.26 <i>Live from South Beach</i>
13.15 <i>The Night Shift</i>	9.30 <i>Five News at 7</i>
11.00 <i>The Veronica Show</i>	9.30 <i>Monday Live</i>
11.45, 12.01 <i>Crime Scene Investigation</i>	9.00 <i>Ripped from the Tackles: RB, Flights of Terror</i>
12.40 <i>Five News</i>	9.00 <i>PM: The Best Catched (1999) Thriller, starring David Wenham and Angelina Jolie</i>
12.45 <i>Emergency Bikes</i>	11.25 <i>Forensic Files</i>
14.45 <i>Newsline</i>	11.00 <i>Guns in Crisis</i>
11.25 <i>Crime Scene Investigation</i>	11.15 <i>SuperGadino</i>
6.30 <i>PM: Trust (2006) Premiere, Mystery, starring Jonny Lee Miller</i>	8.00 <i>How Not to Die</i>
6.30 <i>Five News at 5</i>	8.45 <i>House Hunters</i>
9.30 <i>Newsline</i>	9.30 <i>Art at 525</i>
6.30 <i>Newsline</i>	9.30 <i>House Hunters</i>

6.30 <i>Midnight</i>	6.00 <i>Monkey L&amp;S</i>
11.00 <i>The Night Shift</i>	6.25 <i>News at 10.15</i>
11.00 <i>The Veranda Show</i>	7.00 <i>News at 11</i>
11.45 <i>CSI: Crime Scene Investigation</i>	7.25 <i>Michael's Top 100</i>
12.48 <i>Five News</i>	8.00 <i>Princes of the Caribbean: The True Story</i>
1.45 <i>Emergency Eilers</i>	9.00 <i>The Mentalist</i>
1.45 <i>News at 1</i>	10.00 <i>CSI: Crime Scene Investigation</i>
1.50 <i>CSI: Crime Scene Investigation</i>	10.55 <i>News</i>
3.00 <i>PM: The Legend of Superhero (1999)</i>	11.00 <i>Centrepoint</i>
Superheroes are about to take their first breath	12.15 <i>So Perfect</i>
3.30 <i>News at 3</i>	1.00 <i>Not as Perfect as Paradise</i>
3.30 <i>News at 3</i>	4.25 <i>News at 4 to 5</i>
3.30 <i>News at 3</i>	5.45 <i>News at 5</i>
	5.55 <i>News at 5</i>

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**NHS**  
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**Channel 4**  
**Heston's Fishy Feast,**  
Friday, 14th 9pm

Heston Blumenthal is on a mission to create the ultimate sustainable seafood feast, with celebrities including Jonathan Ross and Ronni Ancona sampling the finished dishes.

**Five**  
**CSI: NY,**  
Saturday, 15th 9.40pm

Adam witnesses a murder on a video chat website, and the team tries to source the original owner of the victim's laptop when it goes missing from her apartment.

**Film of the Week**  
**The Bone Collector,**  
Thursday, 13th 9pm

A quadriplegic former cop helps a rookie officer catch a serial killer who takes gruesome trophies from his victims' bodies. Thriller, with Denzel Washington and Angelina Jolie.

**Saturday, 15th January**      **Sunday, 16th January**      **Monday, 17th January**

<p><b>6.00</b> Breakfast. <b>6.00</b> Saturday Kitchen Live. <b>11.30</b> Big Bang Theory. <b>12.00</b> BBC News and Weather. <b>12.15</b> Football Focus. <b>1.00</b> Live from the Masters. The opening best-of-11 frames semi-final at Wembley Arena. <b>6.30</b> First Look. <b>9.10</b> BBC News and Weather. <b>9.30</b> The Bear Family and His. <b>9.40</b> All Star Total Wipeout. <b>7.00</b> The Magicians. With Chris Tarrant, Stephen K Amaro and Samantha Womack.</p>	<p><b>8.30</b> The National Lottery. It's to Win It. Quiz show, including the all-important numbers. <b>9.50</b> Casualty. With suspects who were seen in the rap. <b>9.40</b> Come Play with Me. A new match-play play-off game. <b>10.10</b> BBC News and Weather. <b>10.20</b> Match of the Day. <b>10.30</b> The Bear Family and His. <b>11.00</b> The Football League Show. Including highlights of Norwich City v Cardiff City. <b>11.10</b> BBC News.</p>	<p><b>4.00</b> Breakfast. <b>7.30</b> Match of the Day. <b>9.00</b> The Andrew Marr Show. <b>10.00</b> The Big Questions. <b>11.00</b> Country Tracks. <b>12.00</b> The Paul O'Grady Show. <b>1.00</b> Cash in the Attic. <b>2.00</b> Escape to the Country. <b>2.55</b> East Enders. <b>4.55</b> Live Line. <b>5.00</b> Songs of Praise. <b>5.35</b> BBC News and Weather. <b>6.00</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>7.00</b> Countryfile. Adam Henderson and Ellie Harrison visit the Duddie Valley in Cumbria. <b>8.00</b> Lark Rise to Candleford. A party competition sees the locals making a pot of paper. <b>9.00</b> The Detectives. <b>10.00</b> Songs of Praise. <b>11.00</b> Horror, starring Ed Harris. <b>11.30</b> Holly City. <b>11.55</b> Scotland's Landscape. <b>4.15</b> BBC News.</p>	<p><b>4.00</b> Breakfast. <b>9.15</b> What's Going On Under. <b>10.00</b> Homes Under the Hammer. <b>10.30</b> Soaps and Scenarios. <b>11.45</b> Cash in the Attic. <b>12.15</b> Dargan Hunt. <b>1.00</b> BBC News and Weather. <b>1.30</b> Regional News. <b>1.45</b> Scotland. <b>1.55</b> Live Line. <b>2.00</b> BBC News. <b>2.05</b> BBC. <b>9.15</b> What's Going On Under. <b>4.00</b> BBC News. <b>4.30</b> Regional News.</p>	<p><b>7.00</b> The One Show. <b>7.30</b> Inside Out. <b>8.00</b> East Enders. <b>9.00</b> Where's Dad? Panorama. <b>10.00</b> BBC News. <b>10.30</b> Regional News. <b>10.35</b> A Question of Sport. <b>11.00</b> Late Kick Off. <b>11.35</b> The Graham Norton Show. <b>12.30</b> Live and So Live. The Good Life. 1.25 Ascend World. <b>2.15</b> J.F.W. The Making of Modern Politics. <b>3.25</b> Fobby. Ronan Scudamore. 4.10 BBC News.</p>
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**Digital & Cable**

**Tuesday**

**The Brain — A Secret History.**  
BBC4, 11pm  
Michael Mosley tries to further his understanding of the human mind by tracing the history of mankind's efforts to examine and manipulate the brain. He looks at the high-risk psychological experiments that would not be approved by a modern ethics committee, and explores the world of neuroscience.

**Wednesday**

**Louie Spence's Showbusiness.**  
SKY1, 9pm  
The dance teacher starts to feel the strain of putting together the show and takes a break by helping the star of West End show Priscilla, Queen of the Desert. Andrew confronts the reality of celebrity, and considers whether being famous is hindering his attempts to find love.

**Thursday**

**Knocked Up.**  
ITV2, 11.25pm  
Ambitious journalist Alison's one-night stand with dim-witted layabout Ben has unexpected consequences when she discovers she is pregnant. However, the unlikely parents decide to give the relationship a try for their baby's sake. Comedy, starring Seth Rogen and Katherine Heigl.

**Friday**

**The Talented Mr Ripley.**  
More4, 8pm  
A man agrees to travel to Italy and persuade a businessman's son to return home. Before long he develops a taste for the high life, and decides to get in on the action — first by befriending the rich and beautiful people, and then by taking the drastic measure of assuming his new friend's identity.

**Saturday**

**Futurama.**  
SKY1, 8pm  
Part three of a four: The aliens now own everything on Earth and remove the obnoxious virus from Bender as he informs them he carried out their will and killed his friend, but Fry surprises everyone when he reappears at his own memorial service. Meanwhile, Lars propagates to Leela.

**Sunday**

**CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.**  
Living, 10pm  
The case of two murdered piglets takes an unexpected twist with the discovery that the original suspect is not only innocent, but also appears to be dead on the killer's hit list. Meanwhile, Sara is assigned to investigate the death of Catherine's former husband. Marg Helgenberger stars.

**Monday**

**Ghost Whisperer.**  
Living, 7pm  
Melinda is contacted by the spirit of a woman whose death caused an estrangement between her husband and her, and begs a medium can reveal the pair so that she can cross over. Supernatural drama, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt, David Conrad, Asha Tyler and Sonja Braga.



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# FINAL SCENE

## Live music

### Has Tony had his day?



AGE is a funny thing. It affects us all, even former pop stars. The moment they fall from grace, they tend to

age via many well-trodden routes. Some perform in West End musicals. Others play revival nights and end of the pier nightclubs. Some embrace reality television or hitch a ride back into the charts courtesy of current pop stars or comedians - a route which, let's face it, always seems a tad desperate. **Tony Hadley** is one of the fortunate few who has weathered well, and drew a sizeable crowd to **The Indigo2**, nearly thirty years after his heyday.

Vocally the Spandau Ballet frontman hasn't aged a day. His 100-minute set took us on a tour of Spandau's greatest hits, treating us to a thumping rendition of To Cut A Long Story Short and a flawless and spine tingling version of Through The Barricades. Sadly the low point of the evening came when Hadley slaughtered the band's biggest hit, the iconic True. Rather than sing the track that we all know and love, he reworked it into a watered-down and uninspiring lounge song, and in stripping it down he threw out the baby with the bath water. He padded out the set with belting versions of Robert Palmer's Addicted to Love and Journey's Don't Stop Believing, but it was his renditions of more contemporary hits - the Killers' Somebody Told Me and The Kaiser Chiefs' I Predict A Riot that provided the real surprises of the night. Now, I know what you're thinking: this is all sounding a bit sad - an ageing, out of touch singer murdering current pop hits in the sad hope of competing with the "yoof". But that couldn't be further from the truth. A less competent singer might have made these songs seem like mid-life crisis karaoke, but Hadley made them his own and pulled them off with ease. It was the moments in between the songs that were lacklustre. Hadley has very little banter with the audience, preferring to have in-jokes and sideways giggles with his band mates which excluded the audience. But if he was failing to engage, the audience too could have won awards for their lack of participation. It took practically the whole night for the ageing crowd to really get going. In fact it wasn't until the opening chords of the legendary Gold, that they finally took to their feet. Perhaps it had sunk in that there were only three songs left. But despite their subdued nature, it was clear that the evening was an excuse for the mostly female crowd to crack out their sparkly tops and relive their youth, and there's nothing wrong with that. In fact it's quite inspiring. I hope my generation will be doing the same in thirty years time. I can see it now. I'll be squashed into a pair of skinny jeans, jostling my way to the front of the Indigo2 for the Lady Gaga Hip Replacement Tour. Who said age was a barrier?

Dean Beadle

# Carbon footprint \*

(\*Carbon fibre, that is) **Ossie Mustafa** reckons **Lamborghini's** new supercar is a big step in the green direction



IT'S that time again when GT focuses on all that is green - and my motoring column is no different.

However I feel like I'm cheating a little, as the subject of my column this week is not what you would call an 'Eco car' in convectional terms, but in its class it fares better than the competition. But is the **Lamborghini Sesto Elemento** really a look into the future of super-green supercars or just a nice publicity stunt?

I first caught a look at the Sesto Elemento in an email while on the Eurostar on my way to the Paris motor show - and what a car it is. If you thought Lambo's Reventon was out there in terms of the design, then Sesto is pure bonkers. It's a car made almost completely out of carbon fibre-reinforced plastics (CFRP). Every panel on the car is made of CFRP, with the carbon mesh showing thought the super thin paint job, (matt finish of course). Even the wheels have been given the carbon fibre treatment and all this results



in a curb weight of 999kg, as light as any GT racer out there. Now add to the mix Lambo's famous V10 engine, the same one you get in the Gallardo and you have yourself a power to weight ratio of only 1.75kg per horsepower - simply put that's 0-60 in an eye-watering 2.5 seconds. Lamborghini have gone for the smaller V10 over its big brother the V12 because the emissions, relatively speaking, are much greener and due to a lack of weight the performance is still maintained - this car has mega acceleration and a top speed

close to 200mph. The tech behind this concept comes out of the research centre in Washington DC which Lamborghini opened in 2010. Production is set to begin in 2011. Only 20 of these super-light, super-fast cars will be built and in all likelihood not be suited for road use but I am sure the £1million price tag will not put the mega rich off snapping up the limited addition car, which means the money invested in this high tech material seems to be paying off already. I know this is not the car that will save the planet but it just goes to show that no matter how tight the rules on emissions and fuel efficiency get, the car companies have an answer. Even the likes of Lamborghini.

## Economy drive: Green cars in 2011

### Toyota Prius

— still top of the class for hybrids a decade after its birth, the Prius is a firm favourite with eco-loving celebrities

MPG: 50  
Price: from £19,545



### Nissan Leaf

— fully electric powered car with a range of 100 miles, but its hefty cost may price out many eco-warriors.

Top Speed: 90mph Price: £23,000



### Smart Fortwo

— huge economy diesel which produces just 86g CO2 per km. Its attractive price tag makes the car 2011's pace setter.

MPG: 96.8 Price: from £6,775



# Dawn rises to novel challenge



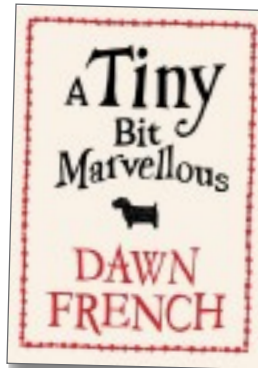
WHEN celebrities write novels, it is usually met with the same level of sniggering. The literary set turn their pompous noses up in

collective disgust, and reviewers load up their quills ready to spit out their venom at the mere celebrity who dared put pen to paper.

It's therefore intellectually reprehensible to enjoy Dawn French's debut novel, *A Tiny Bit Marvellous*. OK, so it's not D.H. Laurence or Keats. It won't get a mention on 'News Night Review'. It's not credible. But while it may be considered mainstream and low brow, it's brilliant.

Centred around a child psychologist who doesn't understand her own children, *ATBM* is a generation gap comedy drama which deftly shows that while a family may live in the same house, they can be miles apart emotionally. Mo, a 49-year-old who is paid to understand other people's children, is at a loss to communicate with her own. And its no wonder - her daughter, Dora, is a self-absorbed and insecure eighteen year old whose whole aim in life is to score an X-Factor audition and her brother, Peter, is a foppish re-incarnation of Oscar Wilde whose world revolves around cravats and dinner jackets. Admittedly, these characters may

seem like tired stereotypes. The slang used by French in Dora's dialogue is both predictable and inaccurate. It initially seems like a jaded and judgemental view of a teenager and borders on caricature. But as French embellishes each character with more truth and depth, they crystallise into rounded characters. They become beautifully real and utterly believable, which makes the ensuing drama all the more engaging and involving. And as a result you find yourself being caught up in the plot as the three character's worlds collide - with unforeseen and draw-dropping consequences. The book is structured around diary entries from all three characters. Some may argue that this is uninspired and contrived but, in this instance, it's the perfect format. It's an



effective medium for showing the gulf between each of the three characters, as well as providing a great triple perspective.

One might expect French's first foray into fiction to be in-your-face and outrageous - like the author herself - but the reality is the opposite. Although a tale of a dysfunctional family hurtling towards crisis, the gently humoured book is comfortably traditional. The majority of readers will surely relate to it. French excels when talking of everyday events; she has the skill to make mundane aspects of everyday life funny. A prime example is the scene where Mo attends a mammogram: 'Mrs Nurse's foot is on the pedal as she decides how flat the bosoms will be pressed. Today the setting was 'flat as an omelette', whereas in the past, when she was particularly peeved, I swear she had set it to 'flat as a crepe'.' In this clever, unputdownable and ultimately heart-warming novel, Dawn French shows herself to be a fiction writer to look out for. Accessible, relatable and hugely involving, the literary glitterati will no doubt despise it - but who cares? Personally, I think the book's title is an understatement.

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Edited by Rod Kitson

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# The director's cut

It's **127 Hours** between a rock and a hard place for a climber who takes a grisly decision that will save his life

**NOBODY** moved. Nobody spoke. The relief in the cinema was palpable. On a wet, January evening, we had all just been privy to what is surely destined to become one of the truly unforgettable experiences in cinematic history.

Director and co-writer Danny Boyle, still flush with success from his Oscar winning and critically acclaimed *Slumdog Millionaire* gives us **127 Hours**, the true story of Aron Ralston, whose inexhaustible thirst for life truly beggars belief.

In 2003, the free spirited outdoorsman recklessly abandoned his job as a mechanical engineer and moved to Aspen, Colorado to continue his quest to climb all 59 of Colorado's mountain peaks.

Never in his wildest nightmares could he have envisaged how completely this modest career change would revolutionise his life.

The story is simple, stark and unforgivable. Ralston goes canyon climbing for the day in Robbers Roost, Utah, home to Butch Cassidy and the notorious Hole in the Wall Gang. In a freak accident, he gets his lower right forearm trapped behind an 800lb boulder. Unable to free himself he is alone in the wilderness with little water and almost no food. The outlook is terrifyingly bleak. Worse still, he had told no-one of his whereabouts. Not a soul. But Ralston refuses to panic and tries to think his way out of the situation. Over the following six days and five nights, he tries everything he can to work himself free using ropes, pulleys and even blunt penknives. But, increasingly dehydrated, his mind begins to wander and he thinks back to family and friends, turning the camera on himself to record his final thoughts. As the lines between his increasingly frequent daydreams and the reality of his situation begin to merge, we sense his reluctant

acceptance of an inevitable fate. But in a final epiphany, Ralston refuses to become a victim and, taking control of his destiny, conducts the most gruesome self-amputation in the history of cinema.

James Franco navigates the complexities of Ralston wonderfully well, seamlessly transitioning from arrogant canyoneer to the vulnerable, frightened and yet ultimately resilient survivor he ultimately becomes. Given the minimalist storyline, Boyle is unusually interventionist, utilising a vibrant sound track (rock music - geddit?), micro cameras (particularly effective in the base of Ralston's water bottle) and frequent split screens to compliment Franco's powerful central performance. The film's essential power however comes not from gimmicks but rather derives from both the veracity of the storyline and from Ralston's simple but profound refusal to indulge in any form of regret or self-pity, other than an ironic "Oops" at his ultimately devastating sin of omission.

**Verdict:**

A truly astonishing act of self preservation. Unmissable. **9/10.**

**Dick Morgan**

*Out now at Greenwich Picturehouse and other local cinemas*



**STUMPED:**  
canyoneer  
Ralston is trapped

## That's the way

### It's back to the feature



**DIRECTOR** Peter Weir doesn't do things by halves. Seven years after bringing Patrick O' Brian's seafaring

epic, *Master and Commander* to the big screens, he has completed yet another mammoth task, this time it's the controversial story of Slavomir Rawicz's 4000 mile walk to freedom, in *The Way Back*.

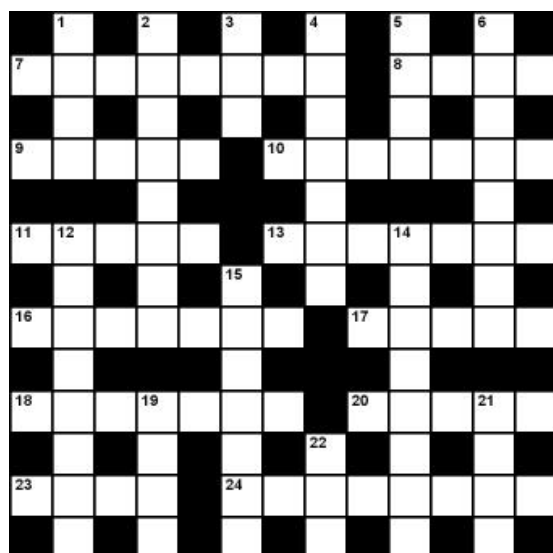
Based on Rawicz's 1956 book, *The Long Walk*, TWB is the story of six innocent political prisoners and a convict (Colin Farrell), who, following the conquest of Poland in 1939 were sentenced to effective life imprisonment in the Soviet labour camps. With little or no food and temperatures constantly below freezing, they stood little chance of surviving the back-breaking daily labour. Seven men made a choice: one way or another, to die free men. They could not have imagined what lay before them: a 4000 mile trek south across the frozen wastes of Siberia, into the dry, arid plains of Mongolia, down into China, on into Tibet and then finally, across the Himalayas into India.

The characters beautifully capture the indomitable nature of the human spirit but they remain strangely independent, united only by their common goal of freedom. Janusz, (Jim Sturgess) leads the motley group, quietly asserting his authority, always inclusive but desperate to return to his wife; Ed Harris, is marvellous, here an American, Mr Smith, manipulating an emotional burden to drive his aging body ever onwards; Colin Farrell is the dark, knife-wielding gangster, Valka, who comes to question his freedom and his own place in society. Into this cynical, sceptical and single-minded band of men falls Saoirse Ronan, a young Polish girl, lost and alone. Despite the protestations of the American - "kindness will kill us all", she is soon accepted and recognised for her efforts at helping them rediscover their humanity. But they only briefly show emotion - Ed Harris in particular - a combination of exhaustion and their all-encompassing sense of purpose allows no quarter for sentimentality. Their common struggle is set against some truly breath-taking landscapes. Wonderfully photographed by Russel Boyd in locations across Bulgaria, India and Morocco, the terrain is beautiful but deadly with starvation and dehydration, exhaustion and fatigue, their constant companions.

Despite some awkward moments such as the return of an elderly Janusz to Poland and the somewhat repetitive nature of their fight for survival whatever the terrain, the film impresses with its gravitas and sense of intensity. This is filmmaking at its most serious, and mankind at its finest.

**DM**

## Time Crossword...



### CLUES ACROSS

- 7) Once the revenue has had its whack (5, 3)
- 8) Short indication of the buck stopping (4)
- 9) Set of principles upon which a religion may be based (5)
- 10) Spectacular performer in an athletic way (7)
- 11) Rend asunder and pulled in two ways (5)
- 13) Of lasting value and importance (7)
- 16) Sense of lost balance (7)
- 17) Wrinkly food that's good for the going (5)
- 18) What is patently not at all true (7)
- 20) One of the forms in which bullion is stored (5)
- 23) By which a measure is taken (4)
- 24) Get things going fast (8)

### CLUES DOWN

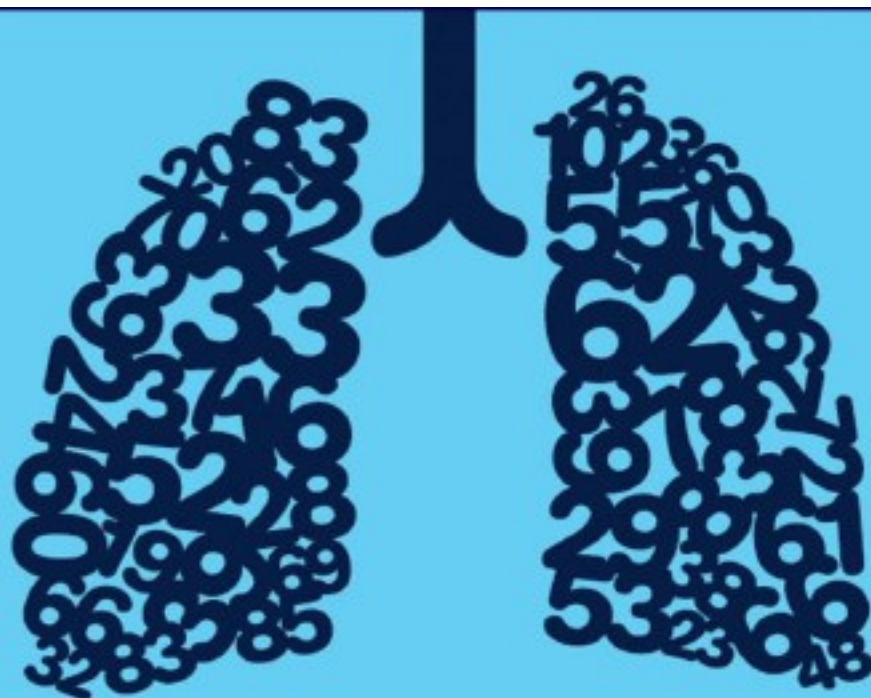
- 1) As one might see at a very great distance (4)
- 2) Old wreck that's dilapidated perhaps through neglect (8)
- 3) What they did with the food

- after going without (3)
- 4) Measured to the last degree (7)
- 5) Might appear on a letterhead (4)
- 6) For as long as whatever might go on (8)
- 12) Coming before in time or order (8)
- 14) A little night music (8)
- 15) Treated as though you're not there (7)
- 19) After that in a way (4)
- 21) Sown by the young and full of fun in Scotland (4)
- 22) Sent to seek out some secrets (3)

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

- ACROSS:** 5) Tub, 7) Ghost town, 8) Tact, 10) Freezing, 11) Road, 12) Primrose, 14) Call, 16) Axle, 17) Egghead, 18) Wild, 20) Pass over, 22) Mere, 24) Limousine, 25) Row.
- DOWN:** 1) Short, 2) Isle, 3) Striking, 4) Twig, 5) Tea, 6) Bit, 8) Thread, 9) Crawl, 12) Pledge, 13) Aversion, 15) Agile, 19) Means, 20) Prim, 21) Oust, 22) Mar, 23) Raw.





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## LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH The Greenwich (Free Parking Places) (Disabled Persons) (Amendment No. 26) Order 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011 made the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended. The Order will come into operation on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

2. The general effect of the Order will be to:

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  - (v) outside No 13 Macanra Terrace;
  - (vi) outside No 12 Myra Street;
  - (vii) in Myrledene Road, adjacent to No 17 Woodhurst Road; and
  - (viii) in Tawney Road, at the rear of No 10 Leonard Robin Path; and
- (b) revise the description of an existing disabled parking place in Myra Street so that it is consistent with the description of the other disabled parking places in that road – there will be no change to the physical location of that disabled parking place.

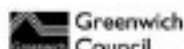
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SE18 6HQ

Dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
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## LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH The Greenwich (Free Parking Places) (Disabled Persons) (Amendment No. 27) Order 2011 The Greenwich (Charlton CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. 5) Order 2011 The Greenwich (Westcombe CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011 made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended. The Orders will come into operation on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

2. The general effect of the Orders will be to:

- (a) create disabled persons' parking places of 6 metres in length in which vehicles displaying a valid disabled person's "Blue Badge" may be left at any time, without charge and without time limit, at the following locations:
  - (i) outside No 37 Kennisland Road (5 metres of Westcombe CPZ shared-use residents' / limited waiting parking will be removed at this location); and
  - (ii) outside No 2 Painton Road (6 metres of Charlton CPZ shared-use residents' / limited waiting parking will be removed at this location); and
- (b) correct a discrepancy between the designation of a disabled parking place in Kennisland Road and existing on-street markings.

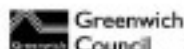
3. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 5584.

4. The Orders and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Orders were made at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Greenwich Council, Crown Building, 48 Woolwich New Road, SE18 6HQ.

5. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Orders or of any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any requirement of that Act or of any instrument made under that Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks from the date on which the Orders were made, apply for that purpose to the High Court.

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**The Business Meeting of the  
Greenwich Teaching Primary  
Care Trust Board  
will be held at 6.30 p.m. on  
Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
in The Grand Salon,  
Charlton House, Charlton**

If you have any queries, please email the Board Secretary at:

**Board.Secretary@greenwichpct.nhs.uk**

**or call 020 8293 6771/6767**



# Notice of Application for a Premises Licence Licensing Act 2003

Notice is given that **DARKIN DENKTASH** has applied for the **GRANT** of a Premises Licence for the following premises:

**THE PIER FISH  
19 GREENWICH CHURCH ST  
GREENWICH SE10 9BJ**

A record of this application may be inspected by appointment at: Trading Standards Department, Riverside House, Woolwich High Street, London, SE18 6DN (telephone number 020 8921 8018).

Interested parties may make representations to the Council on this application by no later than **14TH JANUARY 2011**. All representations must be made in writing. Representations can only be made on the grounds of one of the four licensing objectives, namely:

- Protection of children from harm
- Public nuisance
- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety

Any person who makes a false statement in connection with an application is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

It is proposed that the following licensable activities will take place at the premises:

**SALE OF ALCOHOL  
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SUNDAY TO WEDNESDAY  
12:00 TO 24:00  
THURSDAY TO SATURDAY  
12:00 TO 03:00**

# LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH The Greenwich (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. 4) Order 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council proposes to make the above-mentioned Order under sections 8 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1994, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Order would be to introduce double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions on:
- (a) both sides of Goldfinch Road, between Battery Road and the north-west spur of Goldfinch Road;
  - (b) the north-east side of the north-west spur of Goldfinch Road for 10 metres from its junction with the main arm of Goldfinch Road; and
  - (c) the west side of Battery Road for a distance of 4 metres north and 10 metres south of its junction with Goldfinch Road.

3. A copy of the proposed Order and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Order is made or, as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Order, at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Greenwich Council, Crown Building, 48 Woolwich New Road, SE18 6HQ.

4. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 6024.

5. Any person who wishes to object to or make other representations about the proposed Order should send a statement in writing, specifying the grounds on which any objection is made, to the Council's agents: Traffic Orders Team, Project Centre, 146 St Cross Street, London, EC1M 6BA (quoting reference PCL/TMO/TP/101710), to arrive by 17 February 2011.

6. Persons objecting to the proposed Order should be aware that, in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the Council would be legally obliged to make any comments received in response to this notice open to public inspection.

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SE18 6HQ

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(SIGNED BY JANTHONY)



# SPORT

# Wise move for Addicks?

➔ **From page 28** with regular kerfuffles. The new board has its feet under the table by now, their first appointment being Valley legend Keith Peacock as caretaker manager, with likeable development coach Damian Matthew at his elbow. The massively popular Peacock began his stint in the glamorous environment of White Hart Lane last Sunday. With that result denied us by the tyranny of deadlines, we can only hope he wasn't discouraged either by outcome or performance against Spurs. Along with the presence, among the

directors, of Charlton stalwarts Peter Varney and ex-chairman Richard Murray, it's reassuring that the new broom hasn't swept totally clean. It might be a time to move forward but it's important to recognise where you've come from. And that's just round the corner at what used to be Eastmoor Street, where a bunch of street kids tapped into the burgeoning passion for football in the early 1900s, created Charlton Athletic and enriched the lives of generations who followed them. Addicks to the bitter end, one resolution that's never broken at any time of the year.

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## Is it Wise?

**ON HIS WAY OUT:** a disconsolate Phil Parkinson at the end of the 4-2 defeat by Swindon that ended his job as manager at The Valley



## Who will be Charlton's new boss? KEVIN NOLAN reports on the roller-coaster scene at The Valley

THE thing to bear in mind about most New Year resolutions is that, however sincerely meant, they flare like Roman candles only to fizzle out like damp squibs. Their average life span is one week. Many of them lack - let's face it - resolve.

Where Charlton fans are concerned, the opening days of 2011 have united them in an all-in-this-together spirit of possibly brittle tolerance for the club's new owners. There are, of course, misgivings since, at the time of going to press, the key post of team manager has yet to be filled. You can't please all of the people all of the time and whatever the new boss's identity, some "give 'em a chance" resolutions are due to be broken.

Right now, the club's rookie board and its fans are holding each other at a wary arms length. Having clamoured for change, the latter have little alternative but to accept the newcomers on good faith and

trust their sensitivity to the history and enviable reputation of a fine old football club. These fans will be left with their bitter-sweet memories, gallows humour and blind loyalty long after the current directors, management and players have become dim memories. They form the only consortium with staying power.

New director Tony Jimenez is familiar as part of the locally reviled 'Cockney Mafia' at Newcastle United. Well, he's among his own now and no doubt relieved to be back home. He arrives with a reputation as an astute judge of football flesh. Word has it he advised Kevin Keegan against the disastrous £20 million signing of an injury-plagued Michael Owen - but lost that particular battle. He was also apparently responsible for holding on to - against Keegan's wishes - a tempestuous teenager called Andy Carroll. Jimenez knows his stuff.

And there's unknown new chairman Michael Slater, a name which practically insists that we glide gracefully off-message for a spot of gratuitous gloating about the Ashes, the irresistible link being THE Michael Slater, erstwhile opening bat nemesis of English bowlers.

The Ashes are easy to follow. Here's how they work: When the Aussies win, it's because they're a group of teak-tough, lantern-jawed, leathery, cold-eyed, ruthlessly professional Clint Eastwoods. If they lose, it's down to them being none of the above, no good at cricket, more Desperate Dan than Clint Eastwood. Not only that, the umpires won't let them bowl no-balls. No wonder England slaughtered them.

Anyway, that's enough of that pleasant little digression. Let's get back, if a trifle reluctantly, to the matter in hand, where we find Charlton at yet another crossroads in a colourful history studded

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